

SCHEME FOR AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT AND X-LINKED MENDELIAN DISEASES

CLASS	AMBRY CLASSIFICATION	CATEGORY	CRITERIA		EXCEPTIONS (NEW BASELINE CLASS)
5	Pathogenic	A 1 Needed	• Confirmed <i>de novo</i> alteration in the setting of a new disease (appropriate phenotype) in the family		• Confirmed <i>de novo</i> alteration in a novel gene with possible disease implications (4) • Likely <i>de novo</i> alteration (i.e. paternity not confirmed) with known disease association (4) • Confirmed <i>de novo</i> alteration in the setting of a discordant phenotype (3)
			• Alterations resulting in premature truncation (e.g.reading frame shift, nonsense)		• Truncation in close proximity to 3' terminus (3/4 gene specific) • LOF has not been established as mechanism of pathogenicity (e.g. MYH7) (3)
			• Other ACMG-defined mutation (i.e. initiation codon or gross deletion)		• In-frame gross deletion of a single exon not in a known protein functional domain (4) • Initiation codon that is not well conserved (4)
			• Strong segregation with disease (LOD >3 = >10 meioses)		
			• Functionally-validated splicing mutation		• In-frame skipping a single exon not in a known protein functional domain (4)
		B 4 Needed	• Significant disease association in appropriately sized case-control study(ies)		
			• Detected in individual satisfying established diagnostic criteria for classic disease without a clear mutation		
			• Last nucleotide of exon		• When poorly conserved or <i>in silico</i> doesn't predict significant effect
			• Good segregation with disease (LOD 1.5-3 = 5-9 meioses)		
			• Deficient protein function in appropriate functional assay(s)		• Different disease causing mechanism, i.e. if other mutation affects splicing, and this particular variant is predicted to affect protein, but not slicing or nonsense vs. missense • When well characterized mutation is a proline
• Well-characterized mutation at same position					
• Other strong data supporting pathogenic classification					
4	Likely Pathogenic	1 Needed	• Alterations at the canonical donor/acceptor sites (+/- 1, 2) without other strong (B-level) evidence supporting pathogenicity		
		C 4 Needed	• Rarity in general population databases (dbSNP, ESP, 1000 Genomes, ExAC)		• Dependent on disease penetrance and inheritance pattern.
			• <i>in silico</i> models in agreement (deleterious) and/or completely conserved position in appropriate species		• <i>in silico</i> splicing predictions not used as independent line of evidence for last nucleotide of exon.
			• Moderate segregation with disease (at least 3 informative meioses) for rare diseases.		
			• Other data supporting pathogenic classification		
		3 of B			
		2 of B and at least 1 of C			
1 of B and at least 3 of C					
3	VUS	Insufficient or Conflicting Evidence			
		Gross Duplications without Strong Evidence for Pathogenic or Benign			
2	Likely Benign	D 1 Needed	• Intact protein function observed in appropriate functional assay(s)		
			• Intronic alteration with no splicing impact by RT-PCR analysis or other splicing assay		
			• Other strong data supporting benign classification		
		E 2 Needed	• Co-occurrence with mutation in same gene (phase unknown)		• Genes without a defined, severe biallelic phenotype (3)
			• Co-occurrence with a mutation in another gene that clearly explains a proband's phenotype		
			• Subpopulation frequency in support of benign classification		
			• <i>in silico</i> models in agreement (benign)		
			• Does not segregate with disease in family study (genes with incomplete penetrance)		
• No disease association in small case-control study					
• Other data supporting benign classification					
1	Benign	F 1 Needed	• General population or subpopulation frequency is too high to be a pathogenic mutation based on disease/syndrome prevalence and penetrance		
			• Does not segregate with disease in family study (genes with complete penetrance)		
			• Internal frequency is too high to be a pathogenic mutation based on disease/syndrome prevalence and penetrance		
			• Seen <i>in trans</i> with a mutation or in homozygous state in individual without severe disease for that gene		• Genes without a defined, severe biallelic phenotype (3)
			• No disease association in appropriately sized case-control study(ies)		
		1 of D and at least 2 of E			
		2 or more of D			
		>3 of E w/o conflicting data			
>4 of E w/conflicting data					

The variant classification scheme is not intended for the interpretation of alterations considered epigenetic factors including genetic modifiers, multifactorial disease, or low-risk disease association alleles and may be limited in the interpretation of alterations confounded by incomplete penetrance, variable expressivity, phenocopies, triallelic or oligogenic inheritance, or skewed X-inactivation.